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SUBJECT: FRG- SOVIET URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT
NEGOTIATIONS.

REF: OECD PARIS 5499; USNATO 1179

1. ACCORDING TO FELIX OBOUSSIER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EC
SUPPLY AGENCY, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS FOR THE
REFERENCED URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES HAVE NOT YET BEEN
INITIATED. HE SAID THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE GENERAL
ARRANGEMENTS THE GERMANS HAVE IN MIND AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE
FOR THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MID- MARCH, E. G., THE QUANTITY
AND ASSAY OF ENRICHED URANIUM REQUIRED, THE SCHEDULE ON
WHICH THE ENRICHED PRODECT WILL BE NEEDED, AND THE FACILITY
IN WHICH THIS MATERIAL WILL BE USED.

2. OBOUSSIER NOTED THAT THE GERMANS, CONTRARY TO THE
FRENCH APPROACH CONCERNING ITS ENRICHING SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH SOVIETS FOR FESSENHEIM PLANT, ARE ATTEMPTING TO TOUCH
ALL APPROPRIATE BASES - BILATERALLY AND MULTI- LATERALLY -
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BEFORE ENGAGING IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: USING THE DATA OF REFTEL FOR U3 O8 AND ENRICHED PRODUCT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A TAILS ASSAY OF ABOUT 0.27 PER CENT IS TO BE EMPLOYED IN THIS TRANSACTION. OBVIOUSLY THIS CAN BE VIEWED ONLY AS A ROUGH INDICATION DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT THE PRODUCT BEING OF A UNIFORM ASSAY, THE UNIFORMITY OF THE TAILS ASSAY, AND HOW MUCH EXCESS FEED MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFIED QUANTITY OF FEED.
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